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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**Docket Number (Optional)  
20158.2US01

First named inventor: Charles Aspin

Application No.: 09/687,445

Art Unit: 3671

Filed: October 13, 2000

Examiner: Addie

Title: Slab Leveling System And Method

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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

**1. Petition fee**

Small entity fee \$ 770.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Other than small entity - fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

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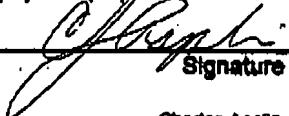
Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

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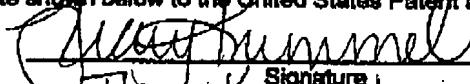
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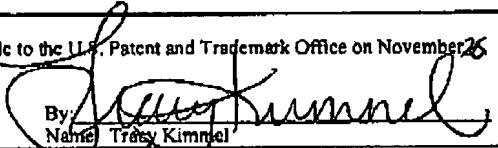
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Applicant:	ASPLIN	Examiner:	ADDIE
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Filed:	October 13, 2000	Docket No.:	20158.0002US01
Title:	SLAB LEVELING SYSTEM AND METHOD		

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Dear Sir:

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) signed by the inventor is enclosed herewith, along with the petition fee, the requisite statement, and a suitable reply to the September 27, 2006 office action.

If any additional petition fees or extension of times fees are due for consideration of this petition, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

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